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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

May 3, 2006

City of Monroe
120 East First Street
Monroe, Michigan 48161

Attention: C. D. Cappuccilli, Mayor, City of Monroe
Thomas A. Krzyston, Chairman, City of Monroe Port Commission

Dear Mayor Cappuccilli and Chairman Krzyston:

SUBJECT: Future No Further Interest Determination
Former Jefferson Smurfit Corporation East Mill
Historical Parcel; Monroe, Michigan
MID 005 039 490

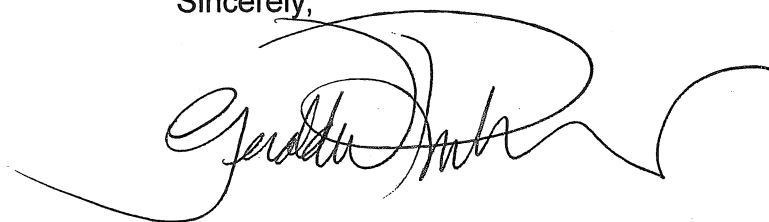
The U.S. EPA, Region 5, in consultation with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, understands that the City of Monroe, acting in concert with its component unit, the Monroe Port Commission, is undertaking investigations on a portion of the former Jefferson Smurfit Corporation East Mill, sometimes referred to as the Historical Parcel, to determine necessary remedial activity including engineering and institutional controls to support reuse of the Historical Parcel for historic preservation, archeology, and public access to an historic battlefield site. The U.S. EPA supports the continuing efforts of the City of Monroe and MDEQ to preserve and redevelop this Historical Parcel.

The MDEQ has indicated that the City of Monroe plans to implement site investigation and remediation under a January 9, 2006 Sampling and Analysis Plan, a Due Care Plan, and a Demolition Plan. The SAP is for additional site assessment to evaluate the current conditions at the solid waste management units and areas of concern identified in the November 25, 1992 Preliminary Assessment/Visual Site Inspection (PAVSI) Final Report. The SAP will also address assessments at other Areas of Interest identified in the *Environmental Conditions Report, Former Jefferson Smurfit Corporation East Mill Historic Parcel (Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc; June 2005)*. The Due Care Plan will identify approaches, procedures, and controls implemented, or to be implemented, for limiting exposures to residual environmental impacts on the Historical Parcel during site demolition/preparation activities and future use as a recreational and historic interpretive center. The Demolition Plan will identify environmental response actions, including

source removal activities and remediation verification testing, needed to prepare the site for safe future reuse.

After the City of Monroe certifies that it has completed its site assessment and cleanup activities and implementation of institutional controls, the MDEQ and EPA will review and confirm that the work is complete and provides adequate protection of human health and the environment consistent with its intended future use. MDEQ and EPA shall confirm completion of the work, including any necessary engineering or institutional controls. Based on your information and information from MDEQ, U.S. EPA neither plans nor anticipates pursuing any further corrective action at this facility. In addition, U.S. EPA plans to rely on MDEQ to resolve any current or future closure and corrective action issues associated with this facility pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (November 3, 2000) and the Technical Agreements on Corrective Action (March 7, 2002). Please note, however, that this does not preclude U.S. EPA from undertaking any action at the facility at a later date if the U.S. EPA obtains any information indicating that such action is necessary to protect human health, welfare, or the environment. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald W. Phillips", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Gerald W. Phillips
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